GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF RAJBHASHA
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Government to promote Hindi as part of the Official Language Policy of the Government including in North Eastern States;

(b) the total funds provided/utilised by the States under such scheme during the Tenth Five Year Plan, year-wise, and State-wise;

(c) whether the Government has organised any seminars and conferences in this regard during each of the last three years;

(d) if so, the details of each seminar and conference alongwith the issues discussed and implemented; and

(e) the total funds provided/utilised by the Government for such purposes separately?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO H. GAVIT)

(a) The policy of Union related to Official Language Hindi is to be implemented in the offices etc. of the Central Government through inspiration, encouragement and goodwill. Accordingly in all the states including North Eastern States, various efforts are being made by this Department and the Central Government offices, public sector undertakings etc. Main programmes/schemes are given as under:

(i) To conduct the meetings of Hindi workshops, seminars and conferences etc.

(ii) To impart training of Hindi Language/Short hand/Typing and Translation to the Central Government personnel.

(iii) To work in Hindi with the help of computers, to develop softwares for training and make them available on world wide web.

(iv) To conduct official language inspections of the Central Government offices and to implement various encouragement and award schemes.

(v) Free distribution of publications and propaganda material.

(b) The programmes related to Hindi are implemented by the Department of Official Language and other Central Government Offices etc. from their own budget provisions. There is no provision in five year plans for statewise allocation of budget by the Department of Official Language.

(c) `Yes Sir`. Four conferences are held every year. In this way the Government has organised 12 conferences and three Hindi Day celebrations during the last three years.

The senior officers of the Central Government Offices, Public Sector Undertakings etc. participate in these Regional Official Language Conferences and certain scholars from the concerned region are invited as well. Up-to-date information .relating to the Official Language policy of the Union and knowhow of the latest softwares related to working in Hindi on computers, is given in these conferences. Besides this, the shields and. Commendation Certificates are also given away to the subordinate offices etc. for the outstanding compliance of Official Language Policy. In addition, Hindi Day is celebrated at National Level in Delhi on 14th September in which shields are awarded to the Ministries/Departments for the outstanding implementation of Hindi and cash awards are given for original book writing in Hindi.

(d) The expenses incurred on these conferences are as under:

	In lakh rupees 2004-05	 2005-06	 2006-07
Expenses on four regional conferences	7.11	6.92	7.90

Expenses on Hindi Day celebrations	5.45	7.91	6.10